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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Troy Wilford

Confirmation No.: 1273

Application No.: 09/839,562

Group Art Unit: 3743

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Examiner: Kathryn P. Odland

For: **FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR SECURING A GRAFT TO BONE**

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-268-999  
(232200-999058)

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for entry during the examination of the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.